

Affairs of CIL

4004. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the ensuing three day strike called by the coal workers from the 5th May;
- (b) what steps have been taken by Government to amicably solve the issue raised by the workers;
- (c) whether Government is planning to disinvest shares in the Coal India Ltd.; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A nine point charter of demands jointly signed by the five Central Trade Unions indicating their intention to go on three days strike from 5th to 7th May, 2010 was received in the Ministry of Coal. In this context, two meetings on 9.4.2010 and 16.4.2010 were held with the five trade unions. An agreement was reached and the Central Trade Unions decided to withdraw their agitational programme. However, two trade unions did not sign the agreement and have served notice for three days strike from 5th to 7th May, 2010. CIL has now requested the Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), Kolkata to intervene in the matter for conciliation.

(c) and (d) The Government proposes to make a Public Offer for sale of 10% equity of CIL out of the Government's holding of 100% through the process of book building.

Mining application of GMDCL

4005. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Gujarat Government has recommended the mining application of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (GMDCL) in January, 2009 for prior approval for lignite and other mineral covering area of 854.92 hectare in the villages namely, Damalaj, Padal, etc., in Jagadia in Bharuch District; and
- (b) if so, by when the prior approval would be accorded by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A request from M/s Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. for allocation of lignite blocks including Damalaj-Padal area has been received.